Education cess collected from Assam

4029. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue collected by Government through education cess from Assam;

(b) on which educational programme such amount of education cess was spent in that State during the last four years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per information received from Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, the State-wise figures regarding collection of Education Cess are not maintained. Education Cess is not a part of the net proceeds of the divisible pool of sharable taxes based on constitutional provisions and as per the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission. Accordingly, no specific allocation is made separately to States/UTs against the amount collected through Education Cess. The proceeds of Education Cess credited into Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) are utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. Expenditure on SSA and MDM Scheme is incurred from PSK after the funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilized. Assistance under PSK is released to States/UTs as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocation for SSA and MDM Scheme.

Drop-out of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

4030. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any procedure to control drop-outs of students from Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi region, including the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Andrews Ganj, are not allowing students to continue studies in next higher classes and in same class due to various reasons;

(c) whether the direction issued by the Competent Authority, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 8th April, 2008, to rectify the above, have been complied with;

(d) if not, the action taken in that regard;

(e) whether steps would be taken to prevent drop-out of students of proven talents in extra curricular activities like sports; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Generally, the problem of drop-outs of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is not serious.

(b) to (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has received some representations from the parents of children stating that their wards appearing for supplementary examinations/ special tests/re-tests for all classes including IX and XI, are not being allowed to attend the

next higher class. KVS has instructed all the schools including KV, Andrews Ganj, New Delhi to permit such students to attend the next higher classes on provisional basis till the results of such examination/tests/re-tests are declared. KVS has not received any report of non-compliance. Moreover, the instruction issued by KVS has been complied with by KV, Andrews Ganj.

(e) and (f) Steps have been taken by KVS to promote sports talent of students through a number of incentives without diluting the guidelines of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) regarding examination and promotion.

Increasing seats in IITs

4031. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to increase the number of seats in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), both in general and reserved categories;

(b) if so, the present number of seats in general and reserved categories and the proposed increase in seats, IIT-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government has taken corresponding steps to increase the infrastructural and technological facilities, according to the proposed increase in seats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Central Government proposes to increase the number of seats in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) by 54% in a phased manner over a period of three years, to take care of the 27% reservation of OBC category (excluding creamy layer) of students so that the number of seats excluding those reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs), the Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is not less than the number of such seats available for the academic session immediately preceding the academic session in which reservation for OBC category of students is implemented. Accordingly, there will be consequential increase in the seats reserved for SCs and STs categories of students.

Present number of seats for general and reserved category of students in IITs are as under:

Sl.No.	Institute	General	SCs	STs
1.	IIT Roorkee	1204	231	121
2.	IIT Delhi	1021	198	98
3.	IIT Kharagpur	1829	354	177
4.	IIT Bombay	1194	239	128
5.	IIT Guwahati	621	125	61
6.	IIT Kahpur	1119	218	113
7.	IIT Madras	1001	195	97

(c) and (d) Rs. 771.00 crores have been provided in BE 2008-09 for capacity expansion in IITs.